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Canada: draft decision

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its decisions 1995/213 and 1995/214 of 10 February 1995, decides that:

(a) The high-level meeting of the operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment of the Council's substantive session of 1995 will consider as a principal theme the implementation by the United Nations system of the Programme of Action adopted by the International Conference on Population and Development; 1/ focus could be given to, inter alia, action taken after the Conference to implement the integrated approach to population and development issues. A second issue will be a preliminary exchange on the follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development 2/ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 3/ adopted by the World Summit for Social Development; consideration could be given to the direction to be taken by the United Nations system for adopting an approach to social development issues in accordance with the framework developed by the Summit.

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1/ Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994 (A/CONF.171/13 and Add.1), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

2/ Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995 (A/CONF.166/9), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

3/ Ibid., annex II.

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Statements should deal, in particular, with issues covered by both the International Conference on Population and Development and the World Summit for Social Development, relating to the provision by the Economic and Social Council of cross-sectoral coordination and overall guidance, the monitoring of the division of labour between and cooperation within the United Nations development system and the provision of guidance to the relevant inter-agency coordination systems;

(b) During the work-level meetings addressing the follow-up by the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development and as envisaged in the Programme of Action of the Summit, paragraph 95 (f), the focus of discussion will be the review of the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission for Social Development, taking into account the need for synergy with other related commissions and conference follow-up. The Council should draw upon any initial work completed by that time on a common framework for the implementation of conference outcomes, paragraph 3 (a) through (e) of resolution E/CN.5/1995/L.8, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development", adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session.

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